

GENERAL NEWS.

The switchmen of the western roads and managers have come to an agreement over the two cent differential. The managers offered to grant a one-cent increase and to submit the other one cent to federal arbitration. To this the switchmen agreed and that the matter should be left to one arbitrator, United States Labor Commissioner Charles Neill. This agreement marks the end of one of the most hotly contested demands that ever came from organized labor.

For nine days Carl Stein, a graduate of Heidelberg University and collector for the Colorado Telephone company, has been missing from Trinidad. Incidental to his disappearance there is a shortage of \$300 in the company's treasury. The case is puzzling, since it is not thought that he would abscond with so small an amount, leaving a wife and four children. The mystery is deepened by the fact that Mr. Stein himself was in easy circumstances financially.

One of the annual reports of the commanding generals of the various departments of the United States army are now being made public, and in every one there is a plea for the restoration of the army canteen. Among the generals who are firm in their advocacy of the canteen are General Greely, now commanding the department of the Columbia; General Grant, commanding the department of the east, the judge advocate general of the army, and General Frederick Funston, the commander of the department of California.

Over half of the new bridge across the St. Lawrence, Quebec, Canada, collapsed last week. Three-fourths of a mile of the cantilever span was plunged into the river and carried down many workmen, 85 of whom are believed to be lost. It entailed a property destruction to the amount of over \$500,000. Most the lives lost

were those of Americans carried over from Phoenixville, Pa.

A cablegram comes from Sutzenbergen, Norway, to the effect that Walter Wellman and Major H. B. Hursey, sailed by airship for the north pole on August 23. The distance is supposed to be 600 miles. Mr. Hursey is a former resident of New Mexico, having been the weather observer stationed in Santa Fe.

Acting Secretary of State Adee gave out the statement last Saturday that President Roosevelt, of the United States, and President Diaz, of the Republic of Mexico, have formulated a joint note by which these two powers expect to force peace on the Central American countries.

The famous smuggling case of Ramirez, a wealthy broker of Nogales, Sonora, will be rushed through to the supreme court of the United States. This celebrated case is one of the legal sensations in all the southwest.

The fire in Hokodate, Japan, of last week, will go down as one of the great, historic conflagrations. About 15,000 homes were burned, 60,000 left homeless, and an estimated loss of \$15,000,000.

The president of the United States has authorized Colonel Goethal to spend \$8,000,000,000 more on the Panama canal than has been authorized by act of congress.

The Courier-Journal building, in Louisville, Kentucky, burned last Friday, causing a loss of over \$650,000. The Evening Times, published in the same building, was also burned out.

Richard Mansfield, the renowned actor, poet and musician, died the latter part of last week at Seven Oaks, his summer residence in New London, Connecticut.

Cardinal Netto, Patriarch of Lisbon, has resigned his cardinalate to become a humble monk in the order of the Carthusians.

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We despise the fellow that is all the time letting people feel of him.

Only your enemies will say things that will injure you.

A man's head isn't out of water simply because he floats a debt.

Some folks' kids are a series of inexcusable mistakes.

No foundry forges the weapon that can ally the man who stands by his honest convictions.

It's the back-stairs-and-kitchen-gossip that raises the devil from his hiding places.

No man is a financier until he learns the secret art of holding his victim by the throat until he chokes to death.

Because a man is in a happy mood is no sign of sainthood. A fellow can be happy when he has done no wrong; and, again, a fellow can be happy because he wasn't caught in the act.

When Diogenes told us to acquiesce in the present without repining, remember the past with thankfulness, and meet the future hopefully and cheerfully, without fear or suspicion, he spoke a philosophy that but few understand—yet, the only thing that will make us happy.

A man should not dread the difficulties that confront him for it gives him a chance to show his metal.

JOHNSON MESA NOTES.

Good morning, Editor:—I want to say that Raton has a Johnson mesa correspondent. We are not dead up here, but are still among the land of prosperity, up and doing our usual farm work, seeing the bloom of prosperity all around us. It is true the late rains are damaging the hay crop, but improving our pastures. It is making us the finest and fattest cattle that were ever seen in New Mexico or any adjoining country.

On J. A. Douglas' ranch is a thirty-five acre field of wheat that promises an average of twenty-five bushels to the acre. It is the second volunteer crop and makes the third one on this land since it was plowed and States that can beat that for farming? A great deal of work is being done on the Johnson mesa telephone line. The central office will be moved in a few days with William Flynn in charge.

M. R. Belisle, who has just returned from a three months' stay in Oklahoma, Indian Territory and Missouri, found out that the Missouri climate did him good. He has disposed of all his property, except his land and twenty head of cattle, and will move his family to El Dorado Springs, Mo., on September 1st, hoping that the change to a lower climate will be beneficial to his health.

Pat Simons has finished a large grain house. I reckon he is expecting a large yield of grain.

Mr. T. J. Belisle, of Raton, is having a new barn erected on his mesa ranch. That looks like Tom means to live up here some day.

Miss Nellie Nash returned to her school Monday. She has been attending the teachers' institute in Raton. She has three more months of school.

Mrs. M. P. Belisle is up from Raton visiting her children. Her health is very poor and she finds no improvement.

Mr. Richard Towndrow's new house is almost completed. It will be a cozy home into which to take his bride, and the neighbors are expecting their invitations soon.

J. A. Douglas' new barn is now ready for the paint.

If the rains will cease, a binder will start in John Towndrow's oat field September 1st. This is rather early for binding oats.

Charley Short purchased a new binder and brought it to the mesa last Monday.

Mrs. Charles English and children who have been visiting their many friends on the mesa, have returned to their home in Folsom.

The M. E. church Sunday school is still very interesting. The proceeds of the stand on August 14th will go toward buying a new organ. Mr. B. O. Bertrand, the superintendent, invites every one interested in Sunday school work to come and help us for the Sunday school is the life of the church. The superintendent makes it pleasant for everyone.

RANCH MAN.

In this age, when the old world is crammed with opportunities, anybody can make money, but it takes an expert to keep it.

President Roosevelt dined Prince Wilhelm, Sweden's prince, last week.

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